

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor...

This past year has been one filled with challenges. I would like to thank all those who have helped me through some tough times. It does take a circle of friends to offer the needed support and I appreciate all who were there to assist. During this time, there were several projects that were put on a back burner. 2016-17 is the year for continuation and hopefully completion on the following projects.

- *Library grounds and sidewalk upgrade.* This is moving forward as you will read in an article in this edition of the newsletter.
- *Extension of the West Shore Trail.* Discussions have started for extending the West Shore Trail to Black Creek and connecting to Main Street near the ice skating rink.
- *Lighting at the I490 intersection.* National Grid has eliminated the lights at I490 and Route 36 and the County of Monroe has scheduled the removal of the light poles. The bridge across I490 will continue to be lit as of this date.
- *Designating Black Creek as an Inland Waterway* for available funding sources to revitalize the area in the village for greater enjoyment and use by residents is almost complete. Many thanks to County Legislator, Steve Brew and Lyle Warren from the Black Creek Watershed Coalition for helping with the process. We are gathering support and writing a Bill to be introduced to the House and Senate with the assistance of Assemblyman Hawley and Senator Ranzenhofer.
- *Energy Efficiency upgrades* including installation of LED streetlights will be completed this summer. This tremendous savings was made possible by Senator Ranzenhofer.
- *Completion of the Hazardous Materials Plan* with the County of Monroe. After an aggressive update to all plans in the County, they are ready to go for approval by the State and Federal governments.
- *Updating the Joint Comprehensive Plan* was started last year and you can read more about it in this newsletter. Your input is welcomed.
- *Completion of the Re-codification* for the Village of Churchville. The Village Codes have been renumbered and organized in a new format. The purging of this document was accomplished by a committee led by the General Code offices.
- *Updating and revision of the Development Guidelines* for the Village of Churchville is a project that has not been done since the 1980s. Well overdue, it will be started this summer and become an up-to-date document along with our updated Code book and Comprehensive Plan.

These are just some of the projects that have been ongoing for the past year and hopefully brought to completion in the near future. As always, I am open to your comments and suggestions on any or all of these projects.

I hope you all have a marvelous summer. My door is always open – drop in and say ‘Hi’.

Mayor Nancy L. Steedman

Mill Seat Landfill Open House

The Waste Management Open House is a free educational event that provides insight on how Mill Seat Landfill operates from construction and design to renewable energy production. Highlights of the event are landfill tours by bus, kid-friendly games, WM trucks and equipment on display, and prizes. At information booths, you'll find entities that work in conjunction with the landfill including engineers, contractors, consultants, regulators, vendors and elected officials. Community partners, such as the Churchville Lions Club, Churchville Fire Department, local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many others help make this annual event a community wide success.

The WM Open House will be Thursday July 28, 2016 from 3pm - 7pm at Mill Seat Landfill, 303 Brew Road Bergen, NY 14416. Visit our website at millseatlandfill.wm.com or call (585)494-3000 for more information.

This year we will be featuring Mill Seat's Wildlife Habitat Council program at the open house with a focus on pollinators. Pollinators- like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds- are critical to our food and ecosystems. Many pollinator species are on the decline, so we've made efforts to enhance their habitat at Mill Seat through a pollinator garden, with plants that provide nectar and food for pollinators. The Open House is perfect for all ages and we encourage you to come explore our facility at this free community event.

Mill Seat Landfill
Open House
Featuring
pollinators
3pm - 7pm
Thursday July 28, 2016

2016 Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

Join us for a relaxing time and great music during the month of July. Thank you to Riga Recreation for another great season!

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

July 6....."Big Mike & the Motivators"

July 13....."Music Makers" (sponsored by Waste Management)

July 20....."8 Days a Week"

July 27....."Eastside Swingtet"

August 3...."Just 4 Fun" & Relay for Life "Luminary Celebration"

Rain or Shine - Alternate site will be the Cobblestone Hall

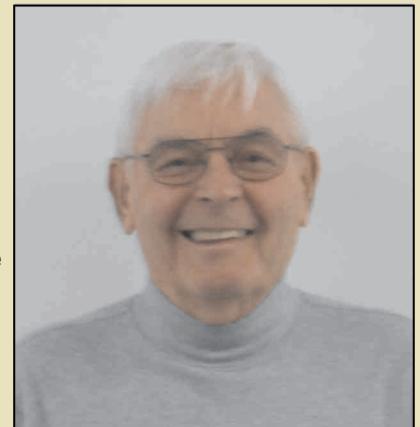
Pooper Scooper Reminder

Just a reminder to pick up after your pooch. Let's keep the walking areas clean for our four-legged friends healthy, happy and walking the village with their two-legged buddies.

To keep our sidewalks and front lawns clean for others, please pick up after your four-legged friend. As you walk through the village, there are two drinking bowls available for our four-legged friends along with some disposable bags. These have been installed at the Village office and the West Shore trail through donations by the Churchville Veterinarian Hospital.

Welcome New Building Inspector

Welcome to Tim McElligott as the new part time Village of Churchville Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshall. Tim has been a long time resident of the Village. He has served on the Town of Riga board as Councilman, Building Inspector and has been an active Lions Club member for many years. Tim currently is the part time BI/CEO for the Village of Brockport. He comes to us with much experience and a true love for our community. Please welcome Tim in his new position and let's work together to keep our village beautiful while preparing for the future through business expansion and maintenance.



Chamber of Commerce

Annual Awards

On March 10th, The Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce held their annual 2015 community awards ceremony. Pictured here is Chamber President, Sue Davis, Business persons of the year for Anastasia's Spotlight Dance, Scott and Stacy Bechtold, representing Citizen of the Year, Bob Ottley, is his mother Helen Ottley and Chamber Member of the Year, Mayor Nancy Steedman. Congratulations to all honorees!!



Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce News

Some upcoming events you won't want to miss:

Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. The annual Youth Awards ceremony will be held at the Village office.

Thursday, June 2nd the Chamber Walkabout. The Walkabout is a Business Open House. Join the fun 5:00 pm till 7:30 pm. There will be music, food, and an opportunity to visit the different businesses in the Churchville-Riga community. Returning by popular demand – "Molly the Trolley" to give you a ride to events outside the four corners of Churchville. Ride to the Westside Credit Union to see the Classic Car Cruise In. Ride to the new Wilkins RV building to see their renovations. Enjoy a strawberry social at the Union Congregational Church. These are just a few of the many activities for your enjoyment.

Monday, July 25 Chamber Golf Tournament at Churchville Golf Course. This will be a fund raiser for two great projects. Support the Harvey C. Noone American Legion roof repair project and the Community Event sign board in front of the Newman Riga Library. This is a fun way to show your support!!

Be sure to check out website for updates!
www.churchvillechamber.org

Planning Board and Zoning Board Openings

The Village of Churchville has two openings for Alternates to the Village Planning Board and two openings for Alternates to the Village Zoning Board. Applicants must be a resident of the Village of Churchville. There is a stipend for serving and training will be provided. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to Mayor Nancy Steedman at MayorNancy@Churchville.net

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

1. There will be **NO** planting of trees, shrubs, or flowers in the ground by the lessee of the cemetery plot.
2. Pots and urns must be removed from the gravesite by **October 15th of each year**. Christmas wreaths and other such decorations must be removed by **March 15th of each year**.
3. All pots and urns are to be placed at the **side** of the memorial marker and **not in front or rear** for ease of mowing.
4. Plot lessees and visitors are requested to assist in maintaining the beauty of the lawns by refraining from placing numerous obstacles that hinder proper lawn mowing, thereby increasing the cost of maintenance.

The Village of Churchville reserves the right to remove any prohibited plot decorations at any time.



Help and Houses

Before I start this article, I would like to mention that this year marks the 25th anniversary of my position as Historian for the Village of Churchville. Starting out with nothing, it has taken years to reveal the wonderful history of this village and thru that effort a comprehensive database of the past and present history of the village has been compiled including data used in the preparation of my newsletter articles. I hope that you have enjoyed these articles and I only desire that future historians will benefit from my work. And now, extracted from an issue of the Batavia Times newspaper is an editorial detailing issues occurring in the village for the spring of 1907.

“Traditionally May first was moving day, but there were few changes of residence in Churchville. Rental property is at a premium. So many newcomers are asking for homes and there is such a demand for moderate priced houses that tenants fear to look about them even with a hope of bettering their condition, lest in their absence from home some desperate house hunter might move in and refuse to consider property rights.

The scarcity of tenant houses is equaled by the almost total absence of domestic help and the annual event of housecleaning for most families will have to be set far into the summer, until the few assistants who still go out by the day can get around to all their clients. In these parts the domestic servant is an almost extinct species – like the egg of the great auk, or the women who still wears a hoopskirt, an occasional specimen is in existence, but no new ones come into the field. So desperate is the help question that no housekeeper dares venture to ask company to tea until she has learned the engagements of the local waitress.

All out door work is at a standstill, waiting for a tramp who may happen along and be willing to turn his hand to spading the truck-patch or uncovering the rose bushes. Women who have all winter cared for their furnaces are disconsolate over the prospects of a summer of lawn cutting and garden making the most popular song in Churchville now is the old one, “Oh, for a Man.” Lacking the indispensable hired man it is impossible for many families to keep their lawns up to the standard and the dandelions are having it all their own way. Many gardens are being offered to anyone who will work them on shares.

Foremen of the beet-field gangs are around looking for recruits and not meeting with a great degree of success. One of the conspicuously prosperous farmers of Lyons was approached on the street last week by an Italian foreman and solicited to join his gang, being mistakenly judged to be seeking employment. In years long gone by the youth of Lyons had a pastime, not popular with their victims, which consisted of getting on the canal bridge and lassoing boatmen, letting the boats pass along from under the game. This means, desperate though it be, may have to be resorted to for the purpose of detaining able-bodied men in Churchville until some of the spring work is done.”

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

Spring & Summer Brush Pick up

Brush pick up is intended for residential trimming only. When hiring a tree contractor they should cut down and remove large trees from your property.

Please stack branch piles neatly near the road by 7am every Monday through the end of May, then the first and third Monday of every month.

Piles should be no larger than two feet high and five feet wide.

Please place cut ends together.

Keep sidewalks, roads and drains clear of debris.

Vines, root material, thorny branches, and landscape material (weeds, grass clippings, timber) will NOT be collected unless it is in a biodegradable bag. Items in cans/containers will NOT be picked up.

Once crews make a sweep of an area they will not return until the next scheduled pickup.

Luminary Lighting Ceremony

On Wednesday, August 3rd, the Churchville-Chili LEO club will hold it's second annual Relay for Life Luminaire lighting ceremony at the Village Gazebo. The evening will start with the planting of a tree near the clock tower in memory of all those we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have fought or are fighting this disease. After the planting, there will be music by our own local 'Just 4 Fun' band. Luminaries will be lit at dusk. The Luminaries can be purchased throughout the summer. Purchase one in *Memory* of a loved one or to *Honor* someone who continues to fight cancer. Order forms can be picked up at the Town and Village offices and the Library. The cost of a luminary is \$5.00 payable to the American Cancer Society.



Summer in Churchville

Spring has sprung and the warm weather has arrived, which means people are getting outside more to enjoy all that our village has to offer. We are fortunate to live in a community with so many opportunities to get a little exercise, enjoy bit of fresh air, and reacquaint ourselves with our neighbors after winter finally leaves.

Churchville Park offers walking paths, shelters for picnics, soccer and softball fields, tennis and pickle ball courts, a playground, and a challenging disc golf course. Black Creek is a wonderful place to get in some bird watching with many different species visiting throughout the year. Kayaks and canoes can take you miles in either direction for those looking for a tranquil paddle to secluded areas not easily accessed otherwise. Several geocaches are placed throughout the village to challenge your skills, but beware of Muggles. Sprucewood Nature Center has several interconnected trails for a quiet walk in the woods.

One of the jewels of Churchville is the West Shore Trail, our converted rail-trail on the west side of the village. It is a nice reprieve from traffic when walking or biking. The comfort station is open during daylight hours and comes complete with a dog watering station and a small kiosk with a bit of Churchville history.

The WST connects with our extensive sidewalk network to take you to all corners of the village and even a little beyond; last year the Village of Churchville and Town of Riga worked together to extend the sidewalk along W Buffalo St to ANG Market and Dollar General. Next time you need a few groceries or other items, consider walking or biking to the store instead of driving. Walk into the Village Center District and visit one of our fine local businesses, or do a bit of train spotting while enjoying an ice cream cone on a warm summer evening.

Again this summer the Village of Churchville will host the annual series of Wednesday evening concerts at the gazebo at the Memorial Park behind the village office. Look for the schedule on our website as summer nears.

Enjoy the summer and take advantage of these amenities of village life, with so much to do right outside our doors there is every reason to get outside.

Submitted by: John Hartman, Deputy Mayor

Newman Riga Library

1 South Main Street · Churchville

The Newman Riga Library is pleased to announce many great activities and programs throughout the Spring and Summer.

The Rochester Rhinos are coming to Newman Riga Library!

Thursday, May 12th at 7pm – Storytime with the Rhinos

A Rochester Rhino player will be at the library reading stories and signing autographs for anyone in attendance.



Saturday, May 14th at 6:05pm – Newman Riga Library Night at Rhinos Stadium

Join the Newman Riga Library family for an exciting game between the Rochester Rhinos and the Charlotte Independence. Kids can meet in the Rhinos Player Tunnel before the game and welcome players from both teams to the pitch.

This special offers savings of up to \$10.00 per ticket (presale only). Order forms for tickets are available at the library and on our website at www.newmanrigalibrary.org.

Annual Book Sale and Basket Raffle

Thursday, June 2nd – Saturday, June 4th

Our annual book sale kicks off at 5pm during the Churchville Walk About on **June 2nd** and runs through June 4th. There are hundreds of used books, DVDs and books on cd available at bargain basement prices. Everything must go!

Again this year, we are raffling off beautiful adult and child gift baskets donated by Alice Kingdon. These will be available for viewing in the library starting **May 16th**. Raffle tickets are \$5 (adult basket) and \$2 (child basket) If you purchase \$5 or more in merchandise at the book sale, you will receive either 1 free adult or 2 free child raffle tickets.

Summer Reading Program (June 27th – August 11th)



The Summer Reading Game is themed “On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!” and has a new twist this year. Children who participate in the school-aged program can play the game anytime the library is open! There are also summer reading games for preschool, young adult and adults – all with great prizes. Registration begins June 27th - please stop by for more details.

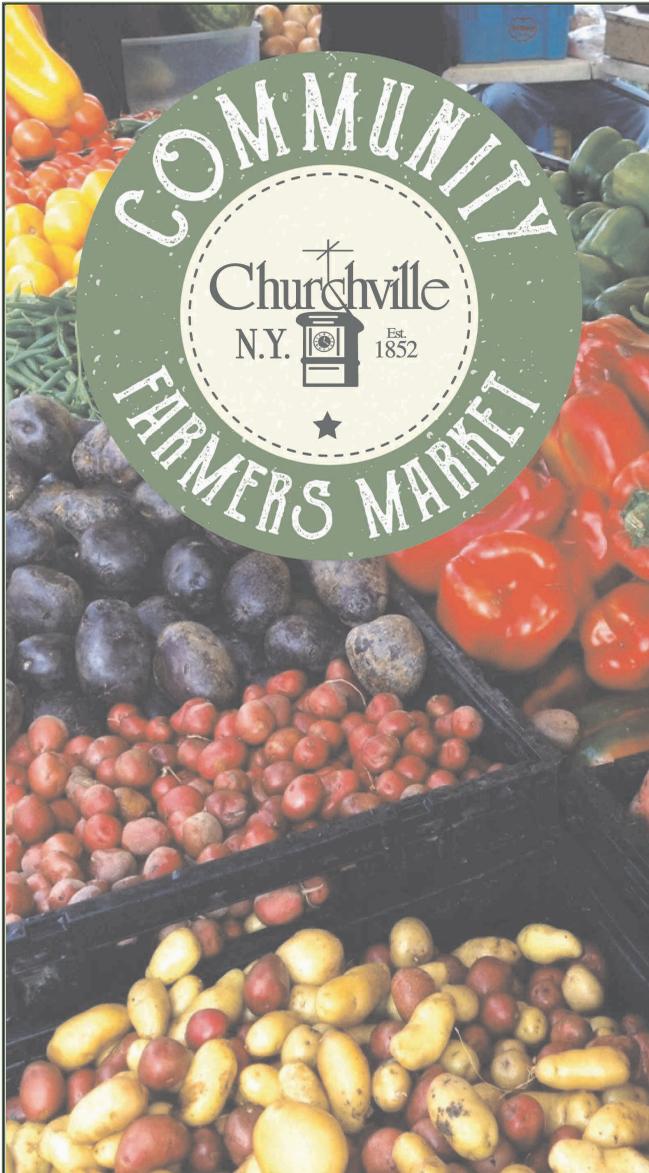
Submitted by: Lynn M. Brown, Librarian

Schedule of Summer Reading Programming:

June 30th at 3pm	Tell Me A Story, Mike?
July 7th at 3pm	Martial Arts Demonstration by the Fighting Arts Training Center
July 12th at 3pm	Magic Guy!
July 19th at 3pm	Rabbit and Croak Wegmans Zoo Mobile
July 26th at 3pm	Surprise! It's Library Day! (indoor/outdoor games)
August 4th at 3pm	Race Through History with Teresa Wood
August 11th at 3pm	Bagel Party and prize raffle for registered game players

Library Hours:

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm
T-TH: 11am – 9pm
SA: 10am – 2pm (closed Saturdays June 18th - September 10th)
SU: Closed



THE Churchville Community Farmers Market

The local farmers and venders will provide fresh vegetables, meats, eggs baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, hand made soaps and a number of other locally produced items.

Tuesdays 4-7pm
June 14th – October 18th
32 E. Buffalo St Churchville, NY

Library Sidewalk Project

The Newman Riga Library will be having a 'face-lift' this summer. Please excuse our mess as we replace the sidewalk to the library and replace some of the overgrown bushes. Lynn Brown, Linda Gathman, many volunteers and the Village DPW will be working to make these awesome updates. The lighted sign donated to the library by the Churchville Lions Club will be updated with a new insert and surrounding plantings. Overgrown bushes will be replaced and new perennials will be planted.

The new sidewalk has been made possible through a Community Development Block Grant secured by the Village through the County of Monroe. The new sidewalk will now be ADA compliant and safer for all who visit the library. The sign will need funding to purchase the new insert and update the surrounding plantings. Plantings, mulching and caring for the landscape has been a volunteer passion of Linda Gathman and her family. She is to be thanked for the many hours of dedication to keeping our library grounds looking beautiful. This summer a group of volunteers will join her in sprucing up the outside of the library. Along with the lawn mowing and sidewalk plowing from the village Department of Public Works, this beautiful library will continue to be the pride of the village.

Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village of Churchville and the Town of Riga have been working on updating the Joint Comprehensive Plan. John Steinmetz, of Steinmetz Planning Group has been retained to lead this update process. The Steering committee is comprised of Mayor Steedman, Town Supervisor O'Brocta, Deputy Mayor John Hartman, former Town Supervisor, Bob Ottley, Chamber President, Sue Davis, Village Zoning board chairperson Lyle Warren, Ed Fraser and Cindy Flynn. There will be several opportunities for public input this summer. The completed update should be available this year.

2016 Community Music Festival

The 2016 Community Music Festival is scheduled for SATURDAY, June 4 at the Churchville-Chili Senior High School. The music runs from 12:00 to about 4:15 PM and features the band and choral programs from the entire school district.

The event also features the famous Churchville Lions Club Chicken BBQ. Pre-sale BBQ dinner tickets are available for \$ 7.00 and the price the day of the event will be \$ 10.00. Pre-sale tickets are strongly encouraged and are available at the school, the Town of Riga and Village of Churchville offices as well as Westside Federal Credit Union. There will be a limited number of BBQ dinners available the day of the Music Festival. The Churchville Lions Club offers this special price as a service to the community and uses the proceeds to fund their scholarship and music awards which are presented at the school each year. So rain or shine, eat in and enjoy the great music or drive thru also available.

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Calendar of Events

- May 7 Churchville-Chili Leo Club Car Wash at Kwikfil in N Chili
- May 16 Chamber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame
- May 16 Joint Village/Town Board Meeting
- May 30 Memorial Day Parade
- June 2 Chamber of Commerce Walk About
- July 6 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
- July 13 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
- July 20 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
- July 25 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- July 27 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
- July 28 Waste Management Open House
- August 3 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
- August 13 & 14 Lions Club Country Fair

The Village Office & DPW will be CLOSED on the following dates:

- May 30 - Memorial Day
 - July 1 - Independence Day
 - July 4 - Independence Day
 - September 5 - Labor Day
- Normal office business hours are
8:30am to 4:00pm

Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings
2nd & 4th Monday of every month at
7:00pm

Planning Board Meetings
1st Wednesday of every month at
7:00pm

All meetings are at the Village Office
Check www.churchville.net for meeting
updates/cancellations, agendas and
meeting minutes.



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